

Vera Wang, Fashion Designer

1. How does paragraph 2 connect with paragraph 9?

Paragraph 2 connects with paragraph 9 because both mention skating. In paragraph 2, it mentions that Wang was a figure skater who wanted to go to the Olympics. In paragraph 9, it mentions that she designed skating outfits for two Olympic figure skaters.

5. In your opinion, what life event caused Vera to say, "Success isn't about the end result: it's what you learn along the way"? Use evidence from the text to support your answer. Possible Answers:

- Vera was not successful in reaching the Olympics, but she learned how to set a goal and work towards it.
- Vera was not successful in reaching the Olympics, but she learned what kind of skating outfits worked well. Later, she designed outfits for other skaters.
- Vera was not able to find a wedding dress for herself, but she learned what she wanted and created it herself.

6. Summarize paragraph 5 in one sentence.

Possible answer: After creating her own wedding dress, Vera decided to open up her own bridal dress store.

7. Read the following statement: She has combined her love of sports and fashion by designing the cheerleading uniforms for the Philadelphia Eagles. What is another example from the text that supports the fact that Vera Wang has combined her love of sports and fashion?

Possible Answer: Figure skaters liked her fashion sense. Olympians, Nancy Karrigan and Michelle Kwan asked her to design their skating outfits.

Mona Hanna-Attisha, Doctor and Activist

5. How do you know that Mona Hanna-Attisha believes in the following statement?

[The world] should be full of people raising their voices using their voices, using their power and presence, standing up for what's right.

Possible Answer:

She has fought to fix environmental issues that impact people's health.

She did this when she worked to shut down an incinerator and she did this when she told people about the unsafe water in Flint.

6. What caused the people of Flint to ask about the safety of the water coming out of their taps?

Possible Answer: They were worried about how it looked. It was brown and orange when it came out of the tap, and there were particles in the water.

7. In 1-3 sentences summarize how Mona Hanna-Attisha has continued to help with the Flint water crisis.

Possible Answer: Mona Hann-Attisha has continued to help with the Flint water crisis. She is the founder of the Pediatric Public Health Initiative and The Flint Child Health And Development Fund. Both organizations help children who have been hurt by the unsafe water.

8. Why didn't Mona Hanna-Attisha have her research peer-reviewed ?

Possible Answer: She didn't feel like she had time to wait. People needed to know about the situation immediately and stop using the water so that they wouldn't have health issues.

Allan Say, Author and Illustrator

5. How did Allan's childhood impact what he does as a living?

Possible Answer: When he was a child he loved art and apprenticed with an artist. This prepared him to be an illustrator.

6. What can you infer from the following statement?

In between shoots, Allan worked on his drawings.

Possible Answers:

- Allan wanted to improve his drawing skills.
- Allan enjoyed drawing.
- Allan enjoyed drawing more than photography.
- Allan used his time wisely.

7. In 1-3 sentences, summarize Allan's childhood.

Possible Answer:

Allan grew up in Japan. He loved art and was an apprentice to a cartoonist. When he was 16, he moved to the United States.

8. In the text, the author writes, "His books center around Japanese characters bringing much needed diversity in children's literature." Why is it important to have diversity in children's literature?

Possible Answer:

It is important to have diversity in children's literature because children need to read books that reflect their cultural background. Children also can learn about different cultures by reading diverse books.

Maria Tallchief, Dancer

5. How did Maria fight discrimination against Native Americans?

Possible Answer: Maria refused to change her last name when others told her she should. She wanted people to know that Native Americans could be ballet dancers.

6. Why do you think Maria's dad made her choose between music and dance?

Possible Answer: Maria dad wanted her to focus on one activity so that she could excel in it.

7. Summarize Maria Tallchief's life in 1-3 sentences.

Possible Answer: Maria Tallchief was a Native American who was a Prima Ballerina.

8. How does paragraph 1 and paragraph 4 relate to each other?

Possible Answer: Both paragraphs mention Maria's Native American heritage. In paragraph 1, it states that she was happy to learn about her heritage. In paragraph 4 it states that she was proud of her culture and wanted to inspire other Native Americans.